

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Recessed Meeting
of
April 2, 1964

APRIL 7, 1964
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Mayor Palmer stated the Council had been session for 23 hours and he was still recognizing MR. VOLMA OVERTON. The Mayor suggested that the Council recess for 30 or 40 minutes and ask Mr. Overton to come in and state his position as there was come conflict. REV. WESLEY SIMS stated he was there to speak for Mr. Overton and stated the N.A.A.C.P. would not compromise any human dignity. At 10:10 A.M. Councilman Long moved that the Council recess until 1:00 P.M. The motion, seconded by Councilman Shanks, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

REV. SIMS stated he had not been officially recognized and he was supposed to speak as the Council recessed while he was speaking yesterday. He said the Council was out of order to recess and he suggested that the Council be called back into session. The Mayor called the Council back into session at 10:15 A.M. Councilman Long moved that the Council rescind its vote to recess. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Mayor recognized Rev. Sims. REV. SIMS said a prayer and read the 37th Psalms. He discussed the problems in Austin.

Councilman Long moved that the Council recess for five minutes. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Council resumed its meeting with REV.SIMS continuing to speak. He read several Chapters from the Bible and spoke on love and hate, the oppressed, and the human dignity of any man. He reviewed a magazine put out by the Chamber of Commerce called "Austin in Action" and discussed the real estate issue. He read from the book "What's Right with Race Relations", until 12:15 P.M.

Councilman Long moved that the Council recess until 2:00 P.M. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

RECESSED MEETING

2:00 P.M.

At 2:00 P.M., the Council resumed its meeting, with Rev. Sims reading "What's Right with Race Relations". Senator Joe Hill called for point of order, and Rev. Sims kept speaking, and reading from Lamentations. Late in the evening Councilman Long moved that the Council recess until 10:00 A.M., Thursday, April 9th. The motion, seconded by Councilman LaRue, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None